

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“___”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for saving a transcript of instant messaging (IM) chat sessions, the method ~~comprising the step of:~~ comprising:
providing an email interface for sending an email message, the email interface including at least one recipient;
receiving an indication to launch an IM chat session with at least one recipient of the email message from the email interface;
receiving an indication to save an IM chat transcript of ~~an~~ the IM chat session; and
saving ~~an~~ the IM chat transcript in response to receiving the ~~indication.~~ indication to save the IM chat transcript.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further ~~comprising the step of:~~ comprising:
receiving an indication to terminate the IM chat session prior to receiving the ~~indication;~~ indication to save the IM chat transcript;
providing a prompt in response to receiving the indication to terminate the IM chat session, the prompt comprising:
an indication to save the IM chat transcript; and
an indication to not save the IM chat transcript;

wherein ~~the step of~~ receiving the indication to save the IM chat transcript is responsive to ~~the step of~~ providing the prompt.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ saving the IM chat transcript ~~comprises the step of:~~ comprises:

saving the IM chat transcript as an IM chat window.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the IM chat window comprises a record of IM events, the IM events being selected from a group consisting of:

a list of participants in the IM chat session;

IM text messages from the participants;

files transferred during the IM chat session; and

a combination thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further ~~comprising the step of:~~ comprising:

converting the IM chat transcript to a text file.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further ~~comprising the step of:~~ comprising:

converting the IM chat transcript to an email message.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ saving the IM chat transcript comprises the step of:

saving the IM chat transcript as text file.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of saving the IM chat transcript comprises the step of:~~ comprises:

saving the IM chat transcript as an email message.

9. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium encoded with instructions for execution, comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to provide an email interface for sending an email message, the email interface including at least one recipient;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an indication to launch an IM chat session with at least one recipient of the email message from the email interface;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an indication to save an IM chat transcript of ~~an~~ the IM chat session; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save ~~an~~ the IM chat transcript in response to receiving the ~~indication.~~ indication to save the IM chat transcript.

10. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 9, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an indication to terminate the IM chat session prior to receiving the indication; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to provide a prompt in response to receiving the indication to terminate the IM chat session, the prompt comprising:

an indication to save the IM chat transcript; and

an indication to not save the IM chat transcript.

11. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 9, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save the IM chat transcript as an IM chat window.

12. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convert the IM chat transcript to a text file.

13. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convert the IM chat transcript to an email message.

14. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 9, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save the IM chat transcript as text file.

15. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 9, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to save the IM chat transcript as an email message.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for saving a transcript of instant messaging (IM) chat sessions, the system comprising:

means for providing an email interface for sending an email message, the email interface including at least one recipient;

means for receiving an indication to launch an IM chat session with at least one recipient of the email message from the email interface;

means for receiving an indication to save an IM chat transcript of ~~an~~ the IM chat session; and

means for saving ~~an~~ the IM chat transcript in response to receiving the ~~indication-~~
indication to save the IM chat transcript.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for saving a transcript of instant messaging (IM) chat sessions, the system comprising:

a provide component configured to provide an email interface for sending an email message, the email interface including at least one recipient;

a first receive component configured to receive an indication to launch an IM chat session with at least one recipient of the email message from the email interface;

a second receive logic component configured to receive an indication to save an IM chat transcript of ~~an~~ the IM chat session; and

a save logic component configured to save ~~an~~ the IM chat transcript in response to receiving the ~~indication-~~ indication to save the IM chat transcript.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, further comprising:

a terminate-receive logic configured to receive an indication to terminate the IM chat session prior to receiving the indication; and

a prompt logic component configured to provide a prompt in response to receiving the indication to terminate the IM chat session, the prompt comprising:

an indication to save the IM chat transcript; and

an indication to not save the IM chat transcript.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the save logic component further comprises:

an IM-save logic component configured to save the IM chat transcript as an IM chat window.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, further comprising:

a text-convert logic component configured to convert the IM chat transcript to a text file.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, further comprising:

an email-convert logic component configured to convert the IM chat transcript to an email message.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the save logic component further comprises:

a text-save logic component configured to save the IM chat transcript as text file.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the save logic component further comprises:

an email-save logic component configured to save the IM chat transcript as an email message.